

CITY OF CARLSBAD

PROPOSITION “C” - OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS AD HOC CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

June 23, 2006

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Montgomery called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Marty Montgomery, Chair, Dennis Villavicencio, Fred Sandquist, Leonard Martyns, and
Saundra Cima

Absent: Carl Miller and Joel Altshul

Staff Members Present: Mike Grim, Senior Planner

Also Present: Jim Boylan, Facilitator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CHARTED NOTES:

No Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Chairperson Montgomery opened this Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Chairperson Montgomery closed the Public Comment portion of this meeting.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS:

The following topics were discussed:

1. Should the committee recommend funding for endowments?
2. The schedule for balance of the process for the first cycle.
3. Proposal solicitation advertising

PRESENTATION ON CITYWIDE TRAILS SYSTEM BY RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Liz Katabian, representing the City of Carlsbad's Parks and Recreation Department presented a map of city trail segments and pointed out existing trails and future planned trails and existing open spaces. She also pointed out some of the possibilities for future acquisitions for trails and linkages easements. Ms. Katabian also discussed open space and trails management and stated that staff is preparing detailed maps with overlays to clearly show defined areas of

potential acquisition. These maps will be given to this committee as soon as they are completed.

Ms. Katabian's presentation was followed by a question and answer period and also a period of committee and audience interactive discussion.

PRESENTATION ON EL SALTO FALLS AND BUENA VISTA CREEK VALLEY:

Mr. Don Christiansen presented a DVD of the beautiful El Salto Falls, located at the south eastern edge of Oceanside, bordering on Carlsbad. He followed the DVD by discussing the history of the wildlife, cultural, and recreational, etc., corridors.

A question and answer period followed.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

Chairperson Montgomery opened Public Testimony.

Ann Gunter, representing the Lightfoot Planning Group who, in turn, represents Hanson Aggregates, relative to the quarry reclamation project. She stated that Hanson is actively managing and working on this site. She further stated that Hanson is working with the City of Oceanside to properly remove the graffiti from the rocks and boulders at El Salto Falls. They've also been active in trash and unwanted vegetation removal from the area. Ms. Gunter further stated that the police from both Oceanside and Carlsbad have been working to identify the tagger(s) that have defaced the falls. In terms of overall preservation of the falls, following the direction of the Oceanside City Council to preserve the falls, Hanson is working to that end. Over the last forty years the natural condition of the falls has changed because of disruption by mining activities so there is some work that needs to be done near the falls to restore it to its original condition. Hanson is also working with the Native American Community and looking at a variety of different alternatives and options to determine the best way to address the work, from a design perspective. As for the Quarry Creek Shopping Center, it was determined that there were no encroachments to the falls area and therefore there were no Corps permits necessary for that project because the project stayed a minimum of 100 feet from the wetlands. Ms. Gunter also pointed out that the Quarry Creek Center have had quite a bit of difficulty getting native plants established on the wall at the rear of the center, but they are continually working toward completing those plantings. Responding to a question from the committee, Ms. Gunter replied that Hanson's current obligation is to do the reclamation plan. They will have completed the soils contamination clean-up, shortly. However, the piles of dirt will remain there for another two years or so, since they are doing passive remediation. The reclamation is going through the environmental process and probably won't be completed for another 1 to 2 more years. She also said that the McMillan Company has had an option on the land for a number of years and they are continuing to look at development options. Also, only a small portion of the land is in Oceanside so the bulk of the development will be in Carlsbad.

Kasey Cinciarelli, Lions CT., Carlsbad, spoke of the Sherman property as follows: The property has gone into escrow, primarily funded by Proposition and state and 501-C-3 money, but there is a \$1.2M shortfall that must be raised by December 2006 in order to close escrow. It is her understanding is that the City will not be paying for any of that property, but, they are going to pay to endow that property. She asked that this committee recognize the biological cultural importance of this parcel because it is important in terms of both habitat and trails. As such, she suggested that this parcel should have a high place on the committee's list to receive endowment monies. Hanson Aggregates separates this property and El Salto Falls.

Ms. Cinciarelli asked to have Liz Katabian speak on how the liability issue is handled on all city trails. She stated that she understands that there are supposed to be police officers dedicated to watch over the open spaces but has never seen one officer out there.

Regarding the McMillan Company's probable acquisition of the quarry property, Ms. Cinciarelli spoke of the proposed zoning change written in the housing (?), changing from low and medium density to high density.

Seeing no one wishing to give further testimony, Chairperson Montgomery closed the Public Testimony portion of this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Mr. Montgomery reminded the members that the next meeting of this committee will be at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, July 21, 2006, and adjourned the meeting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Carol A. Cruise, Minutes Clerk